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Joni Earl
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Dear Joni:

I was delighted to learn that Sound Transit is being honored with the Women's Transportation Seminar's 2011 National Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award for its outstanding efforts to promote opportunities for women and minorities in the transportation industry. Congratulations on this worthy recognition!

Sound Transit has worked hard to bring training, contracting and other business opportunities to the Puget Sound region's diverse communities and to actively facilitate the participation of small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms on its construction projects. A prime example of your efforts is the "Business After Hours" program, which connects small, women- and minority-owned businesses with prime contractors.

Sound Transit's exemplary efforts to develop contracting opportunities for DBE and small business firms have resulted in \$30 million or 28% of the contract work for University Link being performed by DBE firms and \$14 million or 13% by small firms, for a total of 41% of University Link work, to date, being performed by DBEs and small businesses. Furthermore, your Diversity Programs Office has partnered with the Washington State Department of Transportation and the City of Tacoma to develop a quarterly best practice workshop to continually refine Sound Transit's administration of its DBE and Small Business programs.

Thank you for your wonderful proactive leadership, and please accept my best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

